IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: A. Singh

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Applicant: Earl T. Crouch

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For: LIGHTWEIGHT, HIGH-STRENGTH COATED FABRIC

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby appeals from the Examiner's Final Rejection mailed August 13, 2003 of Claims 1-12, all the claims in the above-identified application. In addition, please provide a three-month Extension of Time up to and including February 13, 2004 to respond to the Office Action as provided for in 37 CFR 1.136. A check for \$1280 to cover the notice of appeal and extension of time fees is enclosed.

If any further Extension of Time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account 501923.

Respectfully submitted,

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